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1. The recurring exigration of large numbers of Manchurian refugees from Communist areas of Manchuria has resulted in the establishment of various Manchurian provincial associations in Changshun and Mukden. The avowed purpose of the association is (a) to provide relief for refugees of the respective provinces or districts who have come down through Communist lines to Changshun, and (b) to maintain a detailed file of information on conditions in their respective areas by questioning these refugees.

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2. [Redacted] there are four more very important functions of his provincial association and that [Redacted] in the various other Manchurian provincial and district associations: (a) to maintain, unofficially, pro-Nationalist "Governments in Exile" for these various districts and provinces; (b) to promote Kuomintang Party principles, pro-Nationalist feeling, and Kuomintang Party membership among natives of the province; (c) whenever possible, to send agents for purposes of intelligence gathering, pro-Nationalist propaganda, and sabotage in the provinces themselves (a Heilongchiang Provincial official had described similar objectives for his association, and an official of the Yen Shou District Association has stated that the same objectives applied to both his district association and to the Sungchiang Provincial Relief Association); and (d) to maintain liaison wherever possible with any underground army units which may be in those areas.

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Structure of Organizations

3. In general, the breakdown of these provincial associations is as follows: a large general association handles the questions of relief, procurement of employment, etc. for refugees from their particular province or district.
4. Within this large organization, though sometimes distinctly separate as in the Sungchiang Provincial Association, there is a second or inner association which supervises matters such as the questioning of refugees on general conditions, the gathering of information on Communist personalities and administration, and, to a certain extent, the indoctrination of the refugees with pro-Nationalist propaganda and instruction. In most cases, this group also has the duty of sifting out persons among the refugees who are suspected of being Communist agents. Even further within the structure of each of these provincial organizations is a small group of controlling members who handle personally such problems as "Government in Exile", Kuomintang Party development for the province, Nationalist agent activity, liaison with underground troops, etc.

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5. Mr. CHEN of the Manchuria Provincial Association indicated that members of the general relief association frequently do not know which persons within the supervisory branch of the general relief association are the controlling personalities in the inner or political association. For instance, Mr. CHEN himself is the assistant secretary in charge of financial procurement for the general relief association, but is actually the chief secretary of the political or governmental inner association. Members of the general relief association know that political activity and intelligence activity is being carried on by some branch of the provincial association, although they frequently do not know which persons have these responsibilities.

Finance

6. The officials of the various associations indicated that they raise money for their relief activities and for the intelligence and political activities of the inner organization by contribution campaigns among their friends, Chinese officials in Changchun, and natives of the provinces who are in influential positions. One contribution from CHERRA helped to provide relief to the extent of 900 yen per refugee from Communist areas. According to Mr. CHEN this money was furnished to CHERRA for that purpose by Madame CHIANG Kai-shek.

Note: It is believed that several of the provincial inner or political associations receive financial aid for their activities from the Kuomintang Party and from the Central Government, although such aid to the general provincial relief associations is non-existent according to various provincial association officials. Such aid furnished to the inner or political provincial associations is, as far as can be determined, on a completely informal basis and constitutes expense money rather than salaries.)

7. There is no evidence or indication that any of these provincial relief association officials receive salaries for their work from the Nationalist Government or from Nationalist Army authorities in Changchun.

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and on local military situation in Communist territory, the extremely one-sided nature of the inner political organization within the provincial relief associations. It is believed that these associations are independent of one another and that descriptions showing similarities in Communist administration in various provinces and districts may provide genuine confirmation and not show collusion between these various agencies. However, all provincial associations which have been investigated seem to be of the same type. They are all Nationalist organizations internally and are agencies charged with responsibility for furtherance of the Kuomintang and of Nationalist ambitions in their own Manchurian provinces. Therefore it is probable that these provincial association officials work without paid salary for the furtherance of the Nationalist cause within their own provinces, in the hope that when those areas are recovered from the Communists, they themselves will be in line for the choice governmental positions in the Nationalist province or district administration.)

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